News Release

Contract Signed to Operate Bidwell Marina, Final Approval Pending

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks and Lake Oroville Marina, LLC, entered into a 30-year contract on Friday for the operation of Bidwell Canyon Marina at Lake Oroville State Recreation Area.

"We are pleased to have a contract signed and look forward to a smooth transition, along with increased facilities and services for our boat owners and other visitors served by the Bidwell Marina," said Robert Foster, Superintendent of the Northern Buttes District at California State Parks.

The 78-page document awaits final approval of the Attorney General's Office and the California Department of General Services.

Under the contract, Lake Oroville Marina, LLC will begin operating Bidwell Canyon Marina, a Forever Resorts property, no earlier than December 1, 2009, which is the expiration date of the current contract. The new contract commits Lake Oroville Marina, LLC to spend $4.2 million in improvements and equipment. They will pay California State Parks an average of $300,000 or a percentage of gross receipts, whichever is greater, in annual rent throughout the contract term.

The contract includes an Operation Plan, a Facility Improvement Plan, and a Transition Plan, which addresses several concerns raised by boat owners under the previous contract, including notification to boat owners within 24 hours if a boat is moved, damaged or loose. Also provided under the new contract are improvements to communications, including installation of a public telephone and visitor access to a 2-way radio band during posted hours of operation.

Upon approval by control agencies, a copy of the executed contract will be available online at www.parks.ca.gov/concessions**.** Visitors with questions about the marina can contact Lake Oroville Marina, LLC at 530-589-9175 or 530-877-2883.

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